(NSSO) once in five years. Last such survey was carried out during 1993-94. The results of the survey shows that the addition to employment during 1987-88 to 1993-94 was of the order of 43.91 million on usual principal status basis (status is decided on the basis of the principal activity during the last 365 days) implying an average rate of growth of 2.37% per annum and indicating an average addition of about 7.3 million employment opportunities per annum. The results of the sbusequent detailed NSSO survey are not yet available. As per an assessment carried out by the Planning Commission, the employment, as per usual status, for age group fifteen years and above is expected to grow at 2.44% per annum during the Ninth Plan.

(c) The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under employment. The Ninth Plan recognised the high incidence of unemployment and increasing casualisation of labour and adopted a National Employment Assurance Scheme. A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has been set up to look into the employment generation taking place and suggest measures to generate at least one hundred million job in a period of 10 years (Ten million in each year).

Recommendations of Manisana Wage Board

1602. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manisana Wage Board for journalists and non-journalists is extended to submit its recommendations beyong its time limit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the recommendations cannot be submitted due to want of Government co-operation with the Board; and

(c) the expected date of submission of recommendations and ways of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) No time frame was fixed for the submission of the report of the wage Boards for journalists and non-journalists at the time of the constitution in September, 1994. However, tentative proposals of the Boards are expected by December, 1999. The tentative proposals would be published to invite comments/objections at 4 to 6 weeks notice from concerned parties where after the Boards will give oral hearings before finalising the report. The Government has been extending all cooperation to enable the Boards to submit the report.

Spread of Child Labour in Orissa

1603. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of children rendered homeless in the cyclone affected districts in Orissa;

(b) whether there is a possibility of spreading of child labour in that State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent the spreading of child labour and to ensure their quick rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the State Government of Orissa, so far, 1000 orphans has been identified. More than 10,000 people have died and the number of children losing either single or both parents would be much more.

There is an apprehension of children joining the ranks of child labour as about 10 lakh houses have been swept away, 16 lakh houses have been damaged and more than a crore of people have been very badly hit financially and cannot afford to send their children to school.

District Labour Officers and Field Functionaries of cyclone affected districts of Orissa have been instructed to keep vigil. Project proposals for rehabilitation of children in cyclone affected districts have been submitted, including, to UNICEF and ILO.